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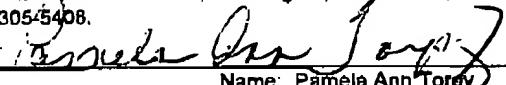
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Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action mailed May 25, 2000, and the Examiner's requirement for restriction of the claims, Applicant elects, with traverse, claims 1-12 and 15-17. It is submitted that these claims are readable on the elected species.

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, claims 1-12 and 15-17. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney if any questions should arise with respect to this response and amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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